

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1, 2, and 5-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 35 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa (6,569,603) in view of Arias et al (6,933,093).

In response to this rejection, Applicant notes initially that claim 1 of the present application requires a protective layer containing a UV absorber on top of the photosensitive layer.

In contrast, Applicant submits that neither of the cited references teaches or suggests a protective layer containing a UV absorber.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the cited art combination neither teaches nor suggests the present invention for at least this reason.

Further, Applicant submits that the image forming system is totally different between the disclosure of Furukawa (USP 6,569,603) and Arias (USP 6,933,093). Although Arias may disclose positive-type or negative-type lithographic printing plates, Applicant submits that neither discloses nor suggests a negative-type lithographic printing plate in which exposed portions are cured due to a polymerization reaction. Therefore, Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion to combine the disclosures of these two references, such that the present invention is not obvious over the cited art for this additional reason.

Thus, Applicant submits that the present invention is not obvious over the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

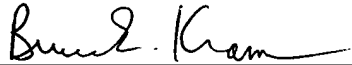
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